

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE SESSION POLICY

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson to conduct Village business in an open fashion and to make available as much information as may legally and practically be disseminated.

The New York Open Meetings Law authorizes the Board to conduct business in executive session in a number of areas. These include:

1. matters which will imperil the public safety if disclosed;
2. matters which may disclose the identity of a law enforcement agent or informer;
3. information relating to criminal investigations;
4. discussions relating to proposed, pending or current litigation;
5. collective bargaining negotiations;
6. personnel matters; and
7. the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or securities.

The Board recognizes that it is authorized to use executive sessions in these situations, but will do so with restraint.

To maintain confidentiality and to encourage the uninhibited discussion of the subject(s) of executive sessions, the specific subject matter and any statements made or positions taken by all participants must remain confidential and may not be disclosed by any participant unless and until a majority of the Board votes to authorize the release thereof by the Board.

It has been and continues to be the practice of the Board that all members of the Board, acting together, come to agreement by consensus on the specific information which is to be released to the public, the suitable vehicle for reporting that information, and the timing of the reporting.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees on September 28, 1993